

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please make the following changes at the indicated locations in the specification:

Page 1, line 4, please insert the following heading:

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

Page 5, line 14, please insert the following heading:

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

Page 5, lines 33 and 34, please delete these lines in their entirety (i.e. delete the lines beginning "These objects are ..." and ending "...from the subclaims.").

Page 13, line 29, to page 14, line 8, please make the following changes in the paragraph between these lines:

In a preferred configuration of the method, the mold into which the suspension is introduced and the green body is dried at least partially comprises a non-wetting material. In this context, it is preferable to use ~~Teflon~~ TEFLON®, i.e. a fluoropolymer. As a result of this material being selected, the drying temperature is restricted to an upper limit of approximately 250°C to 300°C. Furthermore ~~Teflon~~ TEFLON® is as far as possible chemically inert with respect to the material being dried. This makes it possible to avoid contamination. It has been found that if non-wetting material is used in the mold, the green body can very

successfully be removed from the mold. In the case of drying vessels made from glass or metal, the desired high reactivity of the green body can lead to attacks on the mold, which on the one hand can lead to impurities and on the other hand can lead to solid caking between green body and mold, so that the green body can no longer be removed from the mold, or can only be removed with difficulty.

Page 17, line 27, please insert the following heading:

EXAMPLES